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SUBJ: EURATOM-UKAEA FUSION CONTRACT

1. EURATOM AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY (UKAEA) HAVE SIGNED A CONTRACT TO INTEGRATE THE U.K. RESEARCH PROGRAM IN CONTROLLED NUCLEAR FUSION AND PLASMA PHYSICS INTO THE EXISTING 5-YEAR EC PROGRAM WHICH RUNS THRU 1975.

2. EURATOM WILL PAY ROUGHLY ONE-FOURTH OF THE COST OF THE BRITISH RESEARCH, WHICH WILL TOTAL \$41 MILLION OVER THE 3-YEAR PERIOD, AND WILL MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MORE IMPORTANT EXPERIMENTS.

3. A SIMILAR ASSOCIATION CONTRACT IS BEING SIGNED BETWEEN
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EURATOM AND DENMARK. CONTRACTS OF THIS NATURE ALREADY

EXIST BETWEEN THE EC AND APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF FRANCE, ITALY, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM.

4. AN INTERNATIONAL TEAM IS CURRENTLY ASSEMBLING AT CULHAM LABORATORY IN THE U.K. TO DEVELOP THE INITIAL DESIGN FOR A JOINT EUROPEAN TOKAMAK (JET). CONSTRUCTION OF JET WOULD BE UNDER THE NEXT EC 5-YEAR FUSION PROGRAM (1976-1980), WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION HERE.

5. COMMENT. IN MISSION'S VIEW, THE FUSION PROGRAM IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE EC-WIDE R&D EFFORT CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. AS A POSSIBLE CHOICE OF FIELD FOR MEANINGFUL U.S. --EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN ENERGY R&D OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD, IT WOULD CERTAINLY APPEAR WORTH EXPLORING.

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